

# He Bo

Born in 1989 in Sichuan Province, China, He Bo is a practitioner of photographic image-based art, writer, educator and curator.

He Bo's past artistic practice is mainly concerned with the re-creation of ready-made images and its theories, the narrative relationship between images and texts, the barriers to communication in the context of war, disaster and violence, the fictionality of archives and memory, and the function and effect of photographic images in the construction of history and the operation of power. Collaboration with others and the participation of audiences are important aspects of He Bo's practice. Currently, He Bo's artistic practice attempts to deal with the topics of memory, post-memory, trauma and aftermath in the context of the 2008 Sichuan earthquake.

His works have been exhibited in Amsterdam, The Hague, New York, London, Frankfurt, Helsinki, Locarno, Islamabad, Bangkok, Chiang Mai, as well as at Lianzhou Foto Festival and JimeixArles International Photo Festival, among many other places in China.

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## EDUCATION

2007.09-2011.07 Nanchang University (China), BA - Journalism of Broadcast and Television

2012.09-2015.07 Beijing Film Academy (China), MA - Photography

2014.10-2015.01 University of Paris 8 (France), Exchange

2021.09-2023.07 Royal Academy of Art, The Hague (KABK) (The Netherlands), MA - Photography and Society

## AWARDS & LISTED & RESIDENCY

- Artist-in-Residence in the Verzasca Valley 2022 (2022, Switzerland)
- LensCulture Exposure Awards, Jurors' picks (2020, the Netherlands)
- Foam Talent Call (2018, the Netherlands)
- Excellent Photographer Award, Pingyao International Photography Festival (2018, 2016, China)
- Excellent Exhibition Award, Xishuangbanna Foto Festival (2018, China)
- the 9th Three Shadows Photography Awards (2017, China)

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2021**

**Cold Memories (at Banshan Lin Gallery)**

Chengdu, China (Curator: Gao Qingjie)

**2020**

**Rebuild Amateurism (at Xi'an Art Museum)**

Xi'an, China (Curator: Bai Xi)

**HE Bo solo exhibition (at L.A.P. Gallery)**

Wuhan, China (Curator: Marc Yang)

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2023**

**PHOTOFAIRS Shanghai 2023 (at Shanghai Exhibition Center)**

Shanghai, China

**The 2nd Quanzhou (Huaguang) International Image Biennial (At Fujian Huaguang Photographic Art Museum)**

Quanzhou, China

**2022**

**(Un)documented Migration, feat. Hostile Terrain '94 (at Amare)**

The Hague, the Netherlands

**Verzasca Foto Festival 2022**

Valle Verzasca, Switzerland

**Countercurrents (at Bunker at Watercant)**

The Hague, the Netherlands

**Healing in the Heart of Storm (at Cang Art Museum)**

Hangzhou, China

**LensCulture New York 2022 (at Caelum Gallery)**

New York, USA

**2021**

**2021 China Lishui Photography Festival**

Lishui, China

**The 7th Photofairs Shanghai**

Shanghai, China

**The 9th Dali International Photography Exhibition**

Dali, China

**Fearless, Helsinki Photo Festival**

Helsinki, Finland

**Time Field Space: The Duration and Regeneration of Image (at Hanshan Art Museum)**

Suzhou, China (Curator: Zang Ce)

**Two Way Decadency: He Bo & Li Guangbo duo solo exhibition (at Guiyang Art museum)**  
Guiyang, China (Curator: Cui Bo)

## **2020**

**2020 Yangtze Art Fair**  
Nanjing, China

**Apertruth (at Subhashok The Art Centre)**  
Bangkok, Thailand (Curator: Zhou Linjie)

**The Lamp-box Project (at Salt Photos)**  
Xining, China (Curator: Wen Bo)

**LensCulture New York 2020 (at Caelum Gallery) (canceled)**  
New York, USA

**Beyond Boundaries**  
Wuhan, China

**Chiang Mai Photo Festival 2020**  
Chiang Mai, Thailand (Curator: Zhou Linjie)

## **2019**

**The 1st Wuhan Photo Art Fair**  
Wuhan, China

**Islamabad Art Fest 2019**  
Islamabad, Pakistan (Curator: Li Chuan)

**The 1st Xiaba Island Residents (Image) Festival**  
Chongqing, China (Curator: Cui Bo, Li Guangbo, Li Juncheng)

**2019 China Lishui Photography Festival**  
Lishui, China (Curator: Shi Teng)

**The Disappearing Harbor: Between Time, Space and Memory (at China Port Museum)**  
Ningbo, China (Curator: He Yining)

**Foam Talent Deutsche Borse (at Deutsche Börse AG, The Cube)**  
Eschborn-Frankfurt, Germany

**Nature Art**  
Duyun, China (Curator: Cui Bo, Li Guangbo)

**Visible Gallery**  
Beijing, China (Curator: Gao Mingxi)

**Foam Talent London (at Beaconsfield Gallery)**  
London, UK

**Foam Talent New York (at Red Hook Labs)**  
New York, USA

**Foam Talent Amsterdam (at Neighbouring Canal House)**  
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Covection: Contemporary Photography Exhibition**  
Hohhot, China (Curator: Yu Gaofeng)

## **2018**

**Coming Image: Artificial Intelligence (the Mystery of Simple Images)**  
Tianjin, China (Curators: Lu Xiaobo, Deng Yan)

**2018 Xishuangbanna Foto Festival**

Xishuangbanna, China (Curators: Cui Bo, Li Guangbo)

**Lianzhou Foto 2018**

Lianzhou, China (Curator: He Yining)

**2018 Kaosiung Photography Festival**

Kaosiung, China (Curators: Ma Liquan, Su Yuezhao)

**The 18th China Pingyao International Photography Festival**

Pingyao, China (Curators: Gao Mingxi, Wang Yi)

**Screen Refreshing/Labour: AMNUA Photography Exhibition 2018**

Nanjing, China (Curators: Hai Jie, Zheng Wen) / Lian Yungang, China  
(Curator: Chen Zheng)

**2017****Allegory: The 9th Three Shadows Photography Exhibition**

Beijing, Xi'an and Amoy, China (Curator: Shen Chen)

**Lianzhou Foto 2017**

Lianzhou, China (Curator: Hai Jie)

**The 17th China Pingyao International Photography Festival**

Pingyao, China (Curators: Cui Bo, Li Guangbo)

**The 2nd Ningbo International Photography Week**

Ningbo, China (Curators: Fu Yongjun, La Hei)

**Save as...: 3rd Lab Photography Exhibition**

Chongqing, China (Curators: Zeng Rui, Wu Yuhang)

**Illuminant: Young Photographers' Group Exhibition & Art Books  
Exhibition**

Nanchang, China (Curator: Zhou Guangyuan)

**2016****Speaking without Sounds**

Chengdu, China (Curator: Cheng Zhuo)

**The 16th China Pingyao International Photography Festival**

Pingyao, China

**2016 Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival**

Xiamen(Amoy), China (Curator: He Yining)

**2015****The 6th Dali International Photography Exhibition**

Dali, China (Curator: Zhu Jiong)

**The 15th China Pingyao International Photography Festival**

Pingyao, China (Curator: Zhu Jiong)

**2015 China Lishui Photography Festival**

Lishui, China (Curator: Zhu Jiong)

**Organic Iconography**

Beijing, China (Curator: He Yining)

**T=94694400 Seconds: MA & MFA Graduation Exhibition of Beijing Film  
Academy**

Beijing, China